Overcharging on Electral

2875. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not fixed the price of Electral under DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Rs 5.61 are being charged for one pack against the fair price which would not exceed Rs. 3.02 per pack;

(d) what is the number of packs being sold per year; and

(e) what steps have been taken to reduce the price of this drug?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) and (e) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Sales turnover is not monitored.

Overcharging on Combiflame

2876. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Grews Pharmaceuticals Limited were charging Rs. 12.19 for Combiflame pack of 10 tablets;

(b) when did they submit their application and what action was taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 100 lakh packs of this product are sold per annum and even based on the price which is now fixed, the company made undue advantage of Rs. 2 crore per annum on this product; and

(d) what steps have been taken to reduce the price of the drug and to recover the over-charged amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a), (b) and (d) In the case of M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals (P) Ltd., (which is the correct name of the concerned company) the Government has recently fixed the price of Combiflam pack of 10 tablets at Rs. 4.90 under the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(c) Sales turnover is not monitored.

Prices of Dexona oral drops and Ocupres

2877. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when the prices of Dexona oral drops and Ocupres were fixed;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company is selling both the products without any price approval; and

(c) what is the extent of over-charging and what are the reasons that the company has not been served with a notice?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available would be collectd and laid on the Table of the House.

Wind power study at Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore

2878. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the excellent programme and progress of work in wind power at Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore and if so, what are the details of the machines under test and progress made; and

(b) whether Government propose to encourage this promising indigenous enterprise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir Performance tests on a locally made 500W wind battery charger, supplied by Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency (TEDA) is in progress.